



ATTENTION ANGLERS



NEW REGULATION FOR RIVER HERRING



Alewife



Blueback Herring

Effective August 1, 2013, no river herring (alewife and blueback) greater than six inches in length may be taken or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries, up to the first impoundment of the main course on the river.

For official rule text, see: 15A NCAC 10C .0401 (a)(2) & 15A NCAC 10C .0402(d)(2)

This change applies to the inland fishing waters of the following rivers and their tributaries:

- **Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam**
- **Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam**
- **Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam**
- **Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam**
- **Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam**
- **Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam**
- **Lumber River, including Drowning Creek**
- **All other inland fishing waters east of I-95**

Download the Commission's "[Coastal, Joint and Inland Fishing Waters Designation in North Carolina](#)" booklet (PDF) or visit the [interactive fishing map](#) to view designations for specific coastal rivers.